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Public Act No. 06-72

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL BICYCLES WITH AUDIBLE WARNING DEVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 14-286e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

(a) [A] Any police officer, firefighter or emergency service personnel operating a bicycle in response to an emergency call or while engaged in rescue operations or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 14-286, 14-286a, 14-286b, 14-286c and 14-289 provided (1) the police officer, firefighter or emergency service personnel is sixteen years of age or older, (2) the police officer, firefighter or emergency service personnel is wearing a distinctive uniform, and [(2)] (3) the police officer has completed a course of instruction in basic police bicycle patrol certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council or an equivalent course of instruction, and the firefighter or emergency service personnel has completed an equivalent course of basic bicycle patrol.

(b) The exemptions granted in subsection (a) of this section shall apply only when such bicycle is making use of an audible warning

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signal device, including, but not limited to a siren, whistle or bell.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not relieve the operator of a bicycle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property.

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